



PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Michael V. Leman et al.

APPLICATION No.: 09/472,725

FILED: December 27, 1999

FOR: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
FASTENING CIRCUIT BOARDS TO
COMPUTER CHASSIS**

EXAMINER: Doshie Day

ART UNIT: 2835

CONF. No: 9135

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

1. The applicant hereby petitions for revival of the above-identified application, which became abandoned on April 10, 2000 for failure to file a response to a Notice to File Missing Parts of Application mailed on February 7, 2000.
2. Reply Under 37 CFR §1.137(b)(1)

Enclosed herewith is a Response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application.

3. Fee Under 37 CFR §1.137(b)(2)

Enclosed is a check including the fee of \$1300.00 under 37 CFR 1.17(m).

4. Statement Under 37 CFR §1.137(b)(3)

The entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR §1.137(b) was unintentional.

5. Duration of Abandonment (1203 OG 86-87, Oct. 21, 1997)

This petition is being filed within 3 months of the date on which the applicant was first notified of the abandonment by a Notice of Abandonment mailed . Under current USPTO practice, further information regarding the abandonment is not required.

- This petition is being filed more than 3 months after the applicant was first notified of the abandonment, but within 1 year of the date of abandonment. Attached hereto is a statement by _____ explaining how the abandonment occurred and how it was unintentional.
- This petition is being filed more than 1 year after the apparent date of abandonment. Attached hereto is a Declaration by John M. Wechkin explaining when the applicant or applicant's representative first became aware of the abandonment and how the delay in discovering the abandoned status occurred despite the exercise of due care or diligence on the part of the applicant or the applicant's representative.

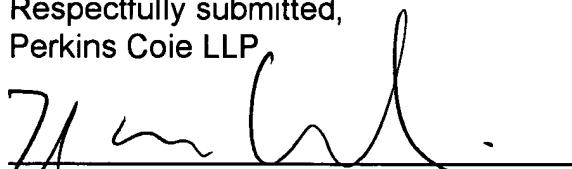
6. Terminal Disclaimer under 37 CFR §1.137(b)(4) and (c)

- Since this application was filed on or after June 8, 1995, no terminal disclaimer is required.
- Since this application was filed before June 8, 1995, a terminal disclaimer is enclosed dedicating to the public a terminal part of the term of any patent granted hereon, and of any patent granted on a continuing application hereof, equivalent to the period of abandonment of this application.

7. Additional Fees

- Please charge any underpayment in fees for timely consideration of this Petition to Deposit Account No. 50-0665.

Respectfully submitted,
Perkins Coie LLP


John M. Wechkin
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Date: Jan 13, 2003

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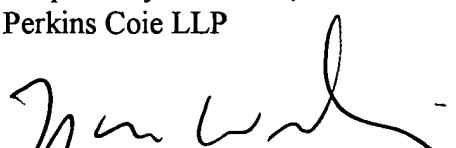
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PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.47(a) TO FILE ON BEHALF OF NON-SIGNING INVENTORS

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner of Patents under 37 C.F.R. 1.47(a) to file this application on behalf of four non-signing inventors. The pertinent facts are set forth in the Declaration of John M. Wechkin enclosed herewith, and a check including the petition fee of \$130.00 under 1.17(h) is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,
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**Declaration of John M. Wechkin in Support of Petition to Revive
Unintentionally Abandoned Application Under 37 CFR § 1.137(b)**

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Sir:

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I, John M. Wechkin, do hereby declare:

1. The facts set forth in this Declaration are personally known to me based on first-hand knowledge of such facts or upon representations made to me by Ms. Rena Iov, a paralegal at the law firm of Perkins Coie, LLP ("Perkins Coie").

2. I am an attorney at Perkins Coie, located at 1201 Third Avenue, Suite 4800, Seattle, Washington 98101, and I am outside patent counsel for Micron Technology, Inc. ("Micron").

3. I was involved in the filing and prosecution of U.S. Application No. 09/472,725 (the "Application"). The inventors identified on an invention disclosure form which provided the basis for the Application are as follows: Michael V. Leman, Gregory P. Johnson, R. Doug Smith, Craig L. Boe, Jacques Gagne, and Philip Hartley.

4. I drafted the Application and caused it to be filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office ("USPTO") with missing parts, on December 27, 1999. The application became abandoned on April 10, 2000. The delay in discovering the

abandoned status occurred despite the exercise of due diligence on my part and on the part of other attorneys and staff of Perkins Coie. The following is the explanation of the circumstances under which I first became aware of the abandonment and the steps taken since that date.

5. On January 12, 2001, Paul T. Parker, an attorney at Perkins Coie and an attorney of record for the Application filed a Status Request with the USPTO, with a return address of P.O. Box 1247, Seattle, WA 98111-1247. This address is the return address we routinely use for USPTO correspondence. No reply to the status inquiry has been received.

6. A check status action due date for the Application was docketed in our docketing system for June 7, 2002, at which time Ms. Iov checked the status of the Application through the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. The PAIR system indicated (in the File Contents History) that the subject application was received incomplete and abandoned on April 10, 2000.

7. A thorough search of the file jacket and the docket records showed no evidence of receipt of the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application or the Notice of Abandonment.

8. On June 12, 2002, Ms. Iov telephoned the USPTO's Initial Examination Division and Application Search Division. She left a detailed message regarding our inquiry into the circumstances under which the Application became abandoned.

9. On June 18, 2002, Ms. Iov once again telephoned the USPTO and was connected with Examiner Doshie Day, the Examiner for the Application, who advised her that the Application was in fact abandoned for failure to respond to the Notice to File Missing Parts. The Examiner assured Ms. Iov that she would order the file and fax her a copy of the Notice of Abandonment on June 19, 2002.

10. On July 12, 2002, we received via fax a copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts and noted that the address to which the Notice to File Missing Parts had

originally been sent was incorrect. An examination of the Application as filed indicated that the return address provided by us to the USPTO was incorrect in that it was a street address for Perkins Coie rather than the Post Office box address indicated in paragraph (5) above. It appears that because the Notice to File Missing Parts and the Notice of Abandonment were both sent to Perkins Coie's street address rather than the intended Post Office box, I received neither document. It is not clear whether or not a response to our initial status inquiry (filed January 12, 2001) was sent to us by the USPTO.

11. On July 23 and July 26, 2002, Ms. Iov left messages with Examiner Day seeking a copy of the Notice of Abandonment. On August 19, 2002, we received a copy of the Notice of Abandonment, which was also originally sent to Perkins Coie's street address.

12. During September 2002 and early October 2002, attempts were made to obtain current addresses for the inventors, and to contact the inventors directly.

13. On October 22, 2002, Ms. Iov sent each of the individual inventors (via certified mail/return receipt requested) a copy of the Application as filed and the original Declaration and Assignment documents for execution. These materials were sent to the inventor's last known addresses.

14. We received executed Declarations from Messrs. Gregory P. Johnson and Craig L. Boe, attached as Exhibit A.

15. The packages sent to Messrs. R. Doug Smith, Jacques Gagne and Philip Hartley (mailed to their last known addresses) were returned undelivered. Copies of the front of the packages are attached as Exhibit B.

16. Mr. Michael V. Leman received a copy of the Declaration but has not yet returned his signed Declaration. A copy of the signed certified mail receipt is attached as Exhibit C.

17. The present Declaration and corresponding Petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b) were prepared promptly upon receiving from each of the inventors a signed inventor Declaration or a clear indication that the inventor Declaration sent to them was either received or not received by the inventor.

18. I declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further, that these statements were made with the knowledge that the making of willfully false statements and the like is punishable by fine, or imprisonment, or both, under Section 101 of Title 18 of the United States Code.

Date: Jan 13, 2003

Respectfully submitted,
Perkins Coie LLP



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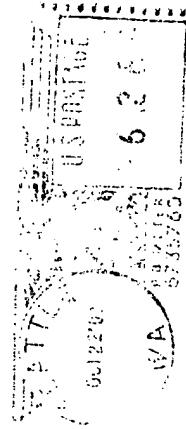
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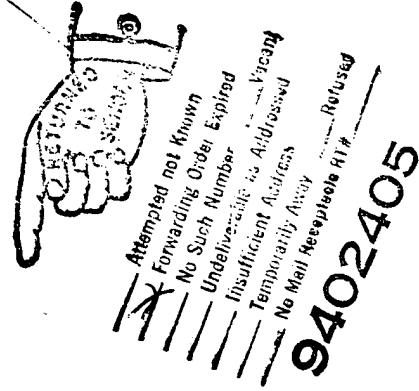
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1. Article Addressed to:

Mr. Michael V. Leman
270 E. Trailside Dr.
Eagle, Idaho 83616

2. Article Number
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DATE MAILED:

02/07/00

NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF APPLICATION***Filing Date Granted***

An Application Number and Filing Date have been assigned to this application. The items indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). If any of items 1 or 3 through 5 are indicated as missing, the SURCHARGE set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$65.00 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, or \$130.00 for a non-small entity, must also be timely submitted in reply to this NOTICE to avoid abandonment.

If all required items on this form are filed within the period set above, the total amount owed by applicant as a
 small entity (statement filed) non-small entity is \$ 130.00.

1. The statutory basic filing fee is:

- missing.
 insufficient.

Applicant must submit \$ 760.00 to complete the basic filing fee and/or file a small entity statement claiming such status (37 CFR 1.27).

2. The following additional claims fees are due:

\$ 234.00 for 13 total claims over 20.

\$ 534.00 for 3 independent claims over 3.

\$ _____ for multiple dependent claim surcharge.

Applicant must either submit the additional claim fees or cancel additional claims for which fees are due.

3. The oath or declaration:

- is missing or unsigned.
 does not cover the newly submitted items.

An oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, including residence information and identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date is required.

4. The signature(s) to the oath or declaration is/are by a person other than inventor or person qualified under 37 CFR 1.42, 1.43 or 1.47.

A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.

5. The signature of the following joint inventor(s) is missing from the oath or declaration:

An oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63 listing the names of all inventors and signed by the omitted inventor(s), identifying this application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.

6. A \$50.00 processing fee is required since your check was returned without payment (37 CFR 1.21(m)).

7. Your filing receipt was mailed in error because your check was returned without payment.

8. The application was filed in a language other than English.

Applicant must file a verified English translation of the application, the \$130.00 set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(k), unless previously submitted, and a statement that the translation is accurate (37 CFR 1.52(d)).

9. OTHER: _____

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Direct the reply and any questions about this notice to "Attention: Box Missing Parts."

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**ABANDONMENT/TERMINATION
LETTER**



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Date Mailed: 02/28/2001

NOTICE OF ABANDONMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.53 (f) OR (g)

The above-identified application is abandoned for failure to timely or properly reply to the Notice to File Missing Parts (Notice) mailed on 02/07/2000.

- No reply was received.

A petition to the Commissioner under 37 CFR 1.137 may be filed requesting that the application be revived.

Under 37 CFR 1.137(a), a petition requesting the application be revived on the grounds of **UNAVOIDABLE DELAY** must be filed promptly after the applicant becomes aware of the abandonment and such petition must be accompanied by: (1) an adequate showing of the cause of unavoidable delay; (2) the required reply to the above-identified Notice; (3) the petition fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(l); and (4) a terminal disclaimer if required by 37 CFR 1.137(c).

Under 37 CFR 1.137(b), a petition requesting the application be revived on the grounds of **UNINTENTIONAL DELAY** must be filed promptly after applicant becomes aware of the abandonment and such petition must be accompanied by: (1) a statement that the entire delay was unintentional; (2) the required reply to the above-identified Notice; (3) the petition fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(m); and (4) a terminal disclaimer if required by 37 CFR 1.137(c).

Any questions concerning petitions to revive should be directed to "Office of Petitions" at (703) 305-9282.

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the reply.*

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